	Particulars of works	Cost in lakh Rs.
Works completed		
1.	Maninagar—Shed on Dn passenger platform	7.36
2.	Kim—Sheds on Up and Dn Platforms	14.00
3.	Rajkot—Kota stone flooring on platform	14.07
4.	Dhola Jn. Asphalting pavment on platform etc.	5.94

No works have been sanctioned for Kheda Road and Sabarmati stations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details of works sanctioned during 1998-99 are as under:

	Particulars of works	Anticipated cost in lakh Rs.
1.	Vadodara—Beautification of station building	23.58
2.	Surat—Extension of reservation office	20.00
	Surat—Extention of foot-over-bridge	14.90
3.	Vapi—Extension of platform covering and augmentation of Passenger Reservation system.	23.64
4.	Ahmedabad—Provision of foot-over-bridge	12.10
5.	Mehsana—Raising of platform to high level	14.95
6.	Sidhpur—Raising of platform to high level	10.14
	Sidhpur—Improvements to circulating area	9.00
7.	Bhandu—Raising of platform to high level	10.00
8.	Unjha—Improvements to circulating area	8.00
	Unjha—Provisions of platform shed	3.25
9.	Mehsana-Provision of platform shed	6.00
	Mehsana-Improvements to circulating area	4.93
10.	Chhapi—Improvements to circulating area	6.00
	Chhapi—Provision of platform shed	5.40

Unauthorised occupation at Nizamuddin Railway Station

740. SHRI YEDLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nizamuddin railway station is fast turning into a shelter for vendors, porters and parcel staff; and

(b) the steps taken to remove unauthorised occupation at the railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Regular checks are conducted by the Ticket Checking staff in association with the Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police personnel to check the entry and movement of unauthorised hawkers, beggars, porters and other anti-social elements at major stations.

Declaring Salem an Important Destination

741. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Salem has become an important destination in linking the Northern and Southern parts of rail routes;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in declaring Salem as Divisional Railway Headquarters which is pending for several years; and

(c) whether Government would take necessary steps in this regard on priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.